

PERSONAL MENTION.

Col. R. G. Lay of Washington, recently appointed commandant at Ottawa, has arrived at his new post.

Gen. and Mrs. Crocker are spending the month of September at Saratoga and northern New York. The general will return to the city on the 15th, and the lady on the 16th.

Admiral Russell and family have returned to the city and are located at No. 1703 DeSales street.

Mr. Geoffrey Stein, who was brought home so dangerously ill a few weeks since from a trip with typhoid dysentery, is now able to sit up, and will soon be out.

Mr. C. L. Curtis of New York avenue has returned to the city from his summer vacation at Atlantic City and Island Heights, N. J., and points in New England.

Prof. Herman Rakemann, who has been studying abroad all summer, leaves Paris to-day for Antwerp, from where he will sail for home.

Mrs. Ida Lowry has returned from Oakland, where she has been spending the summer.

Admiral and Mrs. Stevens have returned from Spring Lake and are staying at his country place at Royton.

Miss Mary Waite, daughter of the late chief justice, will return to the city in November, leaving first for the summer abroad.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Handy are at the Forest Inn.

Messrs. J. M. Tinker, D. W. Edlin and S. C. Elliot, well-known sportsmen of Capitol Hill, are enjoying a delightful vacation on the Potomac, where they are hunting for quail.

Miss Currie M. Johnston of Capitol Hill will leave Sunday for a visit to relatives in Newburg, N. Y.

Rev. Samuel H. Greene, beloved pastor of Calvary Baptist church, after an absence in Europe and his old home in Vermont, returned last evening to Washington.

Mr. Will Gibson has returned after three months' vacation in lower Maryland, much improved in health.

Mrs. T. B. Harrison of 1329 F street sailed from Liverpool on September 10, and is expected to arrive in a few days.

Miss Lida J. Brown of Capitol Hill has returned from a three week vacation in the mountains of western Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Hayes have returned from their wedding trip to Cresson and have gone to housekeeping at 426 New Jersey avenue.

Mr. Washington Danenhower has returned to the city after an absence of a month in the Adirondacks.

Miss Annie K. Chapman has returned to the city from Ocean Grove, where she spent the summer.

Miss Belle Shackelford of Warsaw, Va., is visiting the Misses Ward of the city.

Mr. Honorsman leaves the city for Chattanooga tomorrow, attending to business at the Army of the Cumberland and will deliver an address on the 19th instant.

Mr. C. M. L. Sites, accompanied by his sister, Miss Ruth Sites, returned to the city Thursday evening after twelve weeks among the lakes of the St. Lawrence valley.

Mr. S. J. Shoemaker and Miss Anna R. Shoemaker of G street have returned to the city from a visit to the northwest, spending some time at the coles of the Wisconsin and the lake near Minneapolis.

Miss Rena Cooper has returned from Wisconsin after an absence of five months.

Mr. and Mrs. Josef Kaspar, after a two months' vacation, have returned to their home, 1217 M street.

James H. Spalding, of this city and Miss Lily P. Benney of Dailmont, Canada, were married August 27 at the residence of the bride's father.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Smith, who were married at the ceremony on an extended tour, including Quebec, the trip up the Saguenay and down to Lawrence to Halifax, and intend to return to Washington to the city of the present month, stopping at Mount Desert and other New England resorts.

Mr. S. Walter Woodward, who has been summering with his family at Schron Lake, in the Adirondacks, since his return from Europe, has returned in good health.

Mr. Alvin M. Lottrop left the city last evening to join his family at Bridgeport, Conn.

Homers D. Guerry of Macon, Ga., and Miss Bessie H. Smith of this city were married at the residence of the bride's mother Thursday evening last.

There is a rumor at Augusta that Mr. Walter J. Damrosch, son of the late Dr. Leopold Damrosch, is engaged to be married to Miss Margaret Blaine, second daughter of Secretary Blaine at his Bar Harbor cottage in mid-July.

Mr. Russell Harrison is in the city.

Go to BALTIMORE VIA THE BALTIMORE AND OHIO. The only 45-minute line to the Monumental City. Twenty-four trains, of which six are Pullman trains, leave for Baltimore and Ohio station, one square from the Capitol, Round trip during expedition week, \$1.20.

ALEXANDRIA. Reported for THE EVENING STAR.

THE NEW TAXI HOUSE.—One of the new buildings here, which has been made by the Baltimore and Ohio company on the margin of the river near Lee and Fenderson streets at the place formerly occupied by the three-story building, has been put up, with a well equipped, and a railroad track will be laid and the establishment will go into operation.

NOTES.—The testing and hanging of the electric lamps still goes on and the work is near its completion. The German building association has been determined to invest in real estate and to build a new house.

THE AVENUE WORK SET BACK. Capt. Synnott doubts whether it will be finished before the big parade.

"Things are looking very blue this morning," said Capt. Synnott, speaking to a Star reporter of the chances of completing the avenue pavement in time for the Knights Templar parade in October, "and unless this bad weather holds on to a certain extent, it will be completed on time. You see, it is impossible to lay the pavement under the foundation is perfectly dry, as the water under it would tend to rot the asphalt. While I consider that this weather has given the work a black eye, everything may yet be well, provided the elements are with us."

MAJOR CRANFORD SAYS IT DEPENDS ON THE WEATHER.

Major Cranford, who is in charge of the work at the District buildings this morning, said that the course of the weather would be a great deal to the work, but if now they would have a streak of good weather there would be no doubt of the completion of the avenue, at least from 7th street to the Capitol.

COMMISSIONER DOUGLASS SAYS.

He thinks the contractor below 7th street should get to work at the earliest possible moment and use every effort to finish the work in time for the big parade.

Fire in Virginia.

A two-story frame dwelling house in Virginia on the new road from Georgetown to Falls Church and situated about a mile above the free bridge was burned last night shortly before midnight, and the reflected light on the low-lying rain clouds illuminated this city for an hour or more.

The house was owned by a domestic sewing-machine company and occupied by Mr. Richard B. Burr. It was totally destroyed, together with the furniture and a large stock of clothing. The cause was caused from the explosion of an oil lamp.

Colonial Beach tomorrow, 15th September, last day.

Joseph Metz, an Italian, while cleaning an awning in Chry, N. Y., yesterday afternoon, touched an electric wire and was instantly killed.

Carl Schurz returned from Europe to New York yesterday.

Shortly after midnight Thursday night there was a cloudburst directly over Coney Island, the water coming down in tremendous quantities and doing much damage to the lawns in the rear of the big hotels as the waves had done in front.

The Pennsylvania storage company's large building at Ocean, N. J., was entirely destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon. Loss, \$10,000.

LIGHTING THE CITY.

Annual Report of the Superintendent of Lamps.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS, GAS LAMPS AND OIL LAMPS.—REMARKS WHICH OBSERVE THE LIGHTING OF THE CITY AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO STREET LIGHTING—ESTIMATES FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR.

The annual report of the superintendent of lamps, Mr. Harrison, has been submitted to the Engineer Commissioner. The receipts from all sources on account of street lighting amounted to \$130,561.92 and the expenditures to \$129,294.41. During the year 372 new gas lamps were erected, and 3,374 new electric lamps.

The lamps erected in the different sections were as follows: Northwest, 171; northeast, 61; southeast, 10; southwest, 67; Georgetown, 41; suburban roads and streets, 43.

OIL LAMPS FOR ALLEYS.

The report says that the experiment of lighting streets, alleys and suburban roads in which gas mains have not been laid with oil lamps has been tried during the year with the most gratifying results.

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The expense of erecting these lamps is small, but the results are so satisfactory that the fully justifies their further introduction in unlighted localities.

The following shows the increase in the number of lamps in service: New lamps, 438; repairs, 1,200; total, 1,638. During the year, 243 lamps were out of service.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

The number of electric lights in service on July 1, 1898, was 105, the number in service June 30, 1899, was 177. The report says that the company will have all its wires under ground by September 1, 1899.

Mr. Harrison recommends that the company remove all its overhead lines and surplus poles after that date.

The number of gas lamps maintained under contract by the District of Columbia is 4,941; oil lamps, 187; electric lamps, 177. Total, 5,305. The report calls attention to the urgent necessity of increasing the hours of street lighting.

INTERFERENCE BY SHADE TREES.

During the summer season the density of the shade trees interferes very seriously with the street lamps at all times, but if a storm arises suddenly during the hours in which the moon is relied on for light the streets are left in utter darkness.

Mr. Harrison says that it seems to him that the District government should have some power to compel the gas companies to lay their pipes on such streets as it may desire to improve.

Many streets in Georgetown are supplied with gas through one-inch pipes, which are totally inadequate for the service required.

Mr. Harrison prepared showing the exact location of all mains and public lamps, and that the gas companies be required to lay their pipes on such streets as it may desire to improve.

There are many streets on which the public lamps have been located at too great distances from each other and this evil should be remedied by a rearrangement of the lamps.

The rapid growth of the city and the extension of suburban roads will require the erection of a much larger number of lamps during the fiscal year 1899-1900 than ever before.

The following estimates are based upon such contemplated increase and present contract prices for material.

THE ESTIMATES.

Maintenance of 5,600 street lamps, \$112,000; maintenance of 600 new street lamps, \$9,000; purchase of 600 lamp posts, \$3,600; purchase of lanterns, \$2,500; erection of lamp posts, gas and oil, \$3,000; painting lamp posts and standards, \$1,500; total, \$134,600.

In conclusion he says that the number of electric lights contracted for for the year 1899-1900 is 1,638, and that the number of gas lamps contracted for is 1,200.

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WANTED-HELP.

WANTED—FIRST-CLASS COOKS, OFFICE BOYS, MAIDS, SEAMSTRESS, PAstry COOKS, House Workers, Nurses, Butlers, Oyster Shuckers; German and French spoken. BURNHAM, 1110 G st. n.w., Monday.

WANTED—A GOOD MEAT AND PROVISION DEALER, Apply at 1515 14th st. on Sunday, Monday.

WANTED—SIX CHAMBERMAIDS, FOUR LAUNDRESSES, and two or three more, for the WELCHER Hotel, 15th st., between N and O streets, N.W. Apply at 1515 14th st. on Sunday, Monday.

WANTED—A WHITE GIRL TO DO GENERAL HOUSEWORK in a Family of Three; n.e. section. Apply at 1515 14th st. on Sunday, Monday.

WANTED—A FIRST-CLASS DRESS MAKER, who can make and alter dresses, and who can make and alter hats. Apply at 1515 14th st. on Sunday, Monday.

WANTED—MARKER AND PORTER, ALSO Woman to Finish Lace Curtains. QUAKER STEAK HOUSE, 717 N. E. st. n.w.

WANTED—CHAMBERMAIDS, COOKS, NURSES, and House and Store Boys, Men for Nurses, Commenced over twenty years ago. Apply at 1515 14th st. on Sunday, Monday.

WANTED—MEXICAN COOKS, 40 TO \$60; LAUNDRESSES, 30 TO \$40; MAIDS, 20 TO \$30; and other domestic help. Apply at 1515 14th st. on Sunday, Monday.

WANTED—A TAILOR AND PAINTER, who can make and alter suits, and who can make and alter hats. Apply at 1515 14th st. on Sunday, Monday.

WANTED—IMMEDIATELY A COMPETENT and Experienced Hand; permanent employment; must be able to make and alter suits, and who can make and alter hats. Apply at 1515 14th st. on Sunday, Monday.

WANTED—WHITE GIRL TO COOK AND DO GENERAL HOUSEWORK in a Family of Three; n.e. section. Apply at 1515 14th st. on Sunday, Monday.

WANTED—A YOUTH OR YOUNG MAN who can write shorthand moderately well and is a good penman. Apply at 1515 14th st. on Sunday, Monday.

WANTED—AT 1402 15TH ST. N. W. A WOMAN who can make and alter dresses, and who can make and alter hats. Apply at 1515 14th st. on Sunday, Monday.

WANTED—WOMEN COOKS, 40 TO \$40; CHAMBERMAIDS, 30 TO \$30; and other domestic help. Apply at 1515 14th st. on Sunday, Monday.

WANTED—CANVASSERS FOR BOYD'S DIRECTORIES, who can make and alter suits, and who can make and alter hats. Apply at 1515 14th st. on Sunday, Monday.

WANTED—A NEAT TIE COLORED MAN, who can make and alter suits, and who can make and alter hats. Apply at 1515 14th st. on Sunday, Monday.

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WANTED—EIGHT OR TEN ROOM HOUSE in October, for one year or longer if suited. North preferred. Rent not to exceed \$40. Address L.A.S., Front Street, N.E.

WANTED—A HOUSE ABOUT 9 ROOMS IN N.W. section, rent not to exceed \$40, by a lawyer with small family. Address LAWYER, Star office. \$41-34.

WANTED—MODERN BRICK HOUSE, ABOUT 10 ROOMS, in N.W. section, rent not to exceed \$40. Address LAWYER, Star office. \$41-34.

WANTED—A WELL-BUILT BRICK HOUSE, about 10 rooms, in N.W. section, rent not to exceed \$40. Address LAWYER, Star office. \$41-34.

WANTED—A SEVEN OR EIGHT ROOM MODERN BRICK HOUSE on N.W. section, rent not to exceed \$40. Address LAWYER, Star office. \$41-34.

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